# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes

Property Name: Stout House (a.k.a. Cramer House)	Inventory Number: CE-1338
Address: 20 S. Main Street	City: North East Zip Code: 21901
County: Cecil US	SGS Topographic Map: North East, MD
Owner: Michael & Martha Nojunas and Jeanette Nojunas	Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 356 Tax Map Number: 40	0 Tax Account ID Number: 05004098
Project: MD 272 from US 40 to Irishtown Road North Eas	at S Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: X noyes Name:	Date:
Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes	no
If the property is within a district District Inventor	ory Number: CE-1525
NR-listed districtyes Eligible districtX_yes Name	of District: North East Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes	no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes
If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district	ct) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligibleyesno
Criteria: A B X C D Consider	rations: AB C D E FG None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: At the I	lead of the Bay (Blumgart 1996:395)
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use cont	inuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
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The Stout House is recommended eligible under National Registed dates to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Its Victorian st East, which experienced substantial early nineteenth-century development detailing of this building make it an excellent examp town. Other residences of the same construction period exist in Namount of modern alterations and as such it stands out within the	tyle is representative of a later construction period in North elopment. The large scale, set back location, and unaltered ble of a late nineteenth-century residence in a small bayside North East, but the Stout House has experienced the least
Prepared by: Wendy Zug-Gilbert	Date Prepared: 09/27/2002
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
	ot recommended
Criteria:ABCD Considerations:A MHT Comments	B C D E F GNone
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

# CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

SURVEY No .:

CE-1338

NAME:

Stout House

LOCATION:

20 South Main Street, North East, MD

DATE:

1877-1898

ACCESS:

Private

#### DESCRIPTION:

The Stout House is located within the NR-eligible North East Historic District (CE-1525) of which it is a contributing member. The house is a two-and-a-half-story, Victorian-style residence the dates to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Its irregular form, numerous gabled rooflines and variety of construction materials give the dwelling visual interest. The house itself is brick with a stone foundation, slate roof, and wooden fishscale shingles in the gables. A three-story tower with pyramidal slate roof and decorative diamond shingles, at the southwest front corner, gives the large structure additional height. A full-width porch wraps around both sides of the façade culminating in an entrance on each side elevation. The porch is highly decorative with turned posts, spindles, and spandrels. Windows are a combination one-over-one and two-over-two sash with segmental arches and wooden sills. Associated with the house are two other buildings. The first is a long, one-story brick and frame structure that houses the furnace room, coal shed, and garage and was built in the early twentieth century. The second is a small (approximately 10-foot square), front-gable, brick commercial building that was built as a barber shop during the 1930s.

### SIGNIFICANCE:

The Stout House should be considered to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The residence is an impressive Victorian that dates to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Its Victorian style is representative of a later construction period in North East, which experienced substantial early nineteenth-century development. The large scale, set back location, and unaltered architectural detailing of this building make it an excellent example of a late nineteenth-century residence in a small bayside town. Other residences of the same construction period exist in North East, but the Stout House has experienced the least amount of modern alterations and as such it stands out within the borough.

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1. Name of	Property	(indicate preferred	name)					
historic	Stout House							
other	Housekeeper	House						
2. Location								
street and number	20 South Mai	n Street				n/a not fo	r publicati	on
city, town	North East					X vicinit	ty	
county	Cecil							
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g address	ses of all ow	ners)			×
name	Michael and l	Martha Nojunas and Jeanette	R. Noju	nas				
street and number	20 South Mai	n Street			telephone	n/a		
city, town	North East		state	MD	zip code	21901		
4. Location	of Legal D	Description						
courthouse, registr				ta	ax map and parce	1 400-35	56	
city, town	Elkton				NT)	OS 386	WALLOWS C	191
Contr Deter Deter Recor	ibuting Resource mined Eligible for mined Ineligible for rded by HABS/HA ric Structure Repo	in National Register District in Local Historic District the National Register/Maryla or the National Register/Mary ER rt or Research Report at MH	land Reg					
6. Classifica	ation							
CategorydistrictX_building(s)structuresiteobject	OwnershippublicX_privateboth	Current Functionagriculturecommerce/tradedefenseX_domesticeducationfunerarygovernmenthealth careindustry	red	ndscape creation/cult igion cial insportation ork in progre known cant/not in u	ss	ng No	s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s	ouildings ites tructure objects otal

7. Description
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#### Condition

excellent	deteriorated	
good	ruins	
fair	altered	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Stout House is located within the NR-eligible North East Historic District (CE-1525) of which it is a contributing member. The house sits on the east side of Main Street (MD Route 272) in the block between Cecil and West Avenues in the mid-eighteenth-century Chesapeake Bay town of North East. Despite its residential use, the property is located in the heart of North East's current downtown commercial district. Constructed between 1877 and 1898, the late nineteenth-century brick Victorian-style dwelling sits back from the road on its 17,775 square-foot town lot, instead of along the sidewalk like most of the other buildings along Main Street. The building's location and its impressive size and architectural detailing exhibit a commanding presence within the borough. The property also features an early twentieth-century detached furnace room/garage to the rear of the dwelling and a small brick commercial building (currently a clock shop) on the lot's southwest corner along Main Street.

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Behind the dwelling is a long one-story outbuilding that sits perpendicular to the house and extends to the alley at the rear of the lot. The oldest portion of the outbuilding (which is located closest to the house) is a brick furnace room. The furnace was placed in this building instead of in the basement of the house. A frame extension is located off the rear of the furnace room. The extension, covered with vertical wood siding, houses both a coal shed (with coal chute) and a garage. The current owner extended the garage within the past twenty years to house larger vehicles. The outbuilding has a long gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Two swinging wooden garage doors are located on the rear of the garage facing the alley.

The second outbuilding on the property is a small (approximately 10-foot-square) brick commercial structure that sits at the southwest corner of the property. This front-gable building sits on a poured concrete foundation, has an early asphalt shingle roof and wooden shakes in the gables. The façade features an entry door and a multi-pane commercial window. Side windows are six-over-six. The building was constructed by Mr. Santo Lanteri as a barber shop during his ownership of the property (1934-51). Currently the building houses a clock shop (sales and repair).

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. CE-1338
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X_ architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement	health/medicine industry invention landscape architectur law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government re religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	n/a		Architect/Builder un	known
Construction da	ites 1877-1898		41	
Evaluation for:				
X	National Register		Maryland Register	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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By the time the Stout House was constructed between 1877 and 1898, North East had already been an important shipping and industrial town for over a century and a half (Johnston 1989). The town's location along the river and substantial natural resources provided additional successful industries besides iron ore production, which had spurred the development of the area. Other industries included milling, lumbering, fishing, agriculture, and firebrick and basket production. The town's location at a heavily traveled crossroads enabled the establishment of substantial nineteenth-century commercial and transportation-related businesses.

By 1877, Joseph Stout, a merchant, had an office and store across from the PW &B railroad depot to the north of North East's commercial district (Lake, Griffing & Stevenson 1877). In 1871, Stout had purchased three lots along the east side of Main Street from John Simpers for \$700 (Cecil County Land Record Book DS 4:466). The lots totaled 90 square perches and bordered on the Presbyterian schoolhouse lot to the south and the West House lot, with a 1798 log house, to the north. By 1877, Stout had sold the northern third of his property and purchased an additional 300 square feet on the rear (east) of his parcel from Sarah Mauldin (AWM 10:271). It appears likely that Stout built the Victorian house after this. In 1898, Stout sold the house to Mary Anderson for \$800 (JGW 2:371). Anderson's husband Andrew was a locally prominent businessman and county commissioner (Chapman 1897:227). Anderson and Ella Housekeeper (probably a daughter) sold the house back and forth for the next 36 years until Anderson's death in 1934. Later that year, the property was sold to Santo Lanteri for \$5 (SRA 21:221). It is likely that Lanteri's wife, Sarah, was the daughter of Housekeeper. Lanteri, a barber, constructed a small brick commercial building at the southwestern corner of the lot along Main Street, which he used as his shop (Sanborn Map Company 1933).

The Stout House appears in Cecil County's architectural history, *At the Head of the Bay*, as the Cramer House (Blumgart 1996:395). It is unclear why the resource was named the Cramer House because a deed trace confirmed that no one named Cramer ever owned the property.

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### 8. Significance (continued)

### Chain-of-Title for the Stout House

Liber:Folio	Date	Grantor/Grantee
NDS 386:191	5-5-1992	Michael & Martha Nojunas and Jeanette R. Nojunas from themselves. 17,775-sf lot for \$0.
NDS 297:251	9-16-1989	Martha R. Nojunas and Jeanette R. Nojunas from Jeanette R. Nojunas. Lot of above for \$0; as tenants-in-common (not joint tenants).
NDS 168:022	5-30-1986	Jeanette R. Nojunas (daughter) from Michael A. & Martha R. Nojunas. Lot of above for \$0.
RRC 66:466	10-2-1951	Michael A. & Martha R. Nojunas from Santo & Sarah Lanteri. Lot of above for \$10.
SRA 21:221	5-12-1934	Santo & Sarah Lanteri from Andrew Anderson (widower of Mary E.) and Ella V. & Cheyney V. Housekeeper. Lot of above for \$5.
SRA 21:147	4-18-1934	Ella V. Housekeeper from Estate of Mary E. Anderson (by Floyd J. Kinter, executor). Lot of above for \$4000.
Will	8-25-1930	Will of Mary E. Anderson. Left 2/3 interest in property of above to Ella V. Housekeeper; 1/3 interest to Andrew Anderson (husband).
SRA 10:287	7-25-1930	Mary E. Anderson from Ella V. & Cheyney V. Housekeeper. Lot of above for \$10.
CSP 3:158	11-27-1916	Ella V. Housekeeper from Mary E. & Andrew Anderson. Lot of above for \$10.
JGW 2:371	2-26-1898	Mary Anderson from Joseph T. Stout (widower). Lot of above for \$800. Lot being part of two previous parcels: 1) 90 sq perches (DS 4:466) and 2) 3152½ sq feet (AWM 10:271).
DS 4:466	5-17-1871	Joseph T. Stout from John Simpers. 3 lots along Main Street totaling 90 sq perches (24,502½ sq feet) for \$700. The southern of this parcel is the lot on which the house was built.
AWM 10:271	2-6-1879	Joseph T. Stout from Sarah Maulin. Lot of 3152½ sq feet for \$98.07. This lot (32½' x 97') is located off the east side of the southern of the above-mentioned parcel and together with that lot compose the current parcel.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CE-1338

Blumgart, Pamela James

1996 At the Head of the Bay – A Cultural and Architectural History of Cecil County, Maryland. The Cecil County Historical Trust, Inc., Elkton, MD and the Maryland Historical Society Press, Crownsville, MD.

Cecil County Land Records, Will Records, Estate Records, and Tax Records. Various years. Located at Cecil County Courthouse, Elkton, MD.

(continued)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	17,775 square feet			
Acreage of historical setting	n/a			
Quadrangle name	North East, MD	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000	

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Presbyterian Schoolhouse Lot on the east side of Main Street and proceeding North 73/4° West, 90 feet to a fence line along the Alfred Ford lot; then along the fence line North 821/2° East, 1971/2 feet to the southeast corner of Ford's lot in line of Martha S. William's lot; then South 71/2° East, 90 feet to the southwest corner of Mrs. Williams's land; then along the schoolhouse lot South 821/2° West, 1971/2 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 17,775 square feet.

The boundary description was drawn to include the entirety of the Tax Parcel 356 on Cecil County Tax Map 400. The boundary was drawn to encompass the lot, house, and outbuildings associated with this property.

11. Form Prepared by			
name/title	Wendy Zug-Gilbert / Principal Investigator		
organization	Archeaological & Historical Consultants, Inc.	date	November 2000
street & number	101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., PO Box 482	telephone	(814) 364-2135
city or town	Centre Hall	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Cecil County Tax Rolls and Federal Census Records. Various years. Located at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

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1897 Portrait and Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties, Maryland. Chapman Publishing Co., New York.

Johnston, George

1989 History of Cecil County, Maryland. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore. Originally published in 1881.

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson

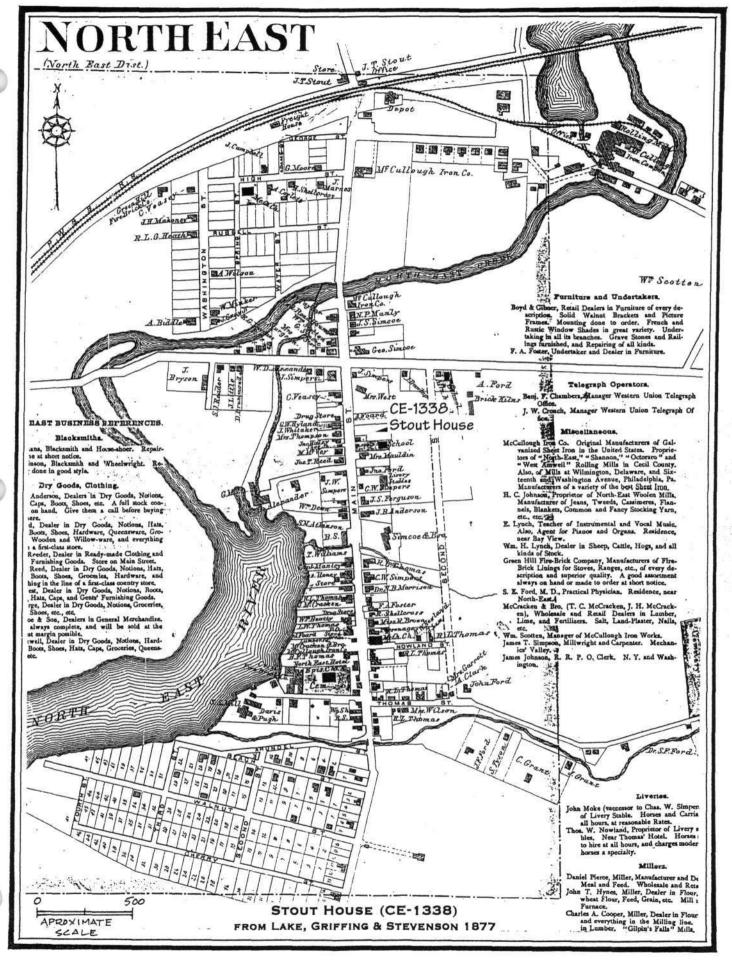
1877 An Illustrated Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland. Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Philadelphia.

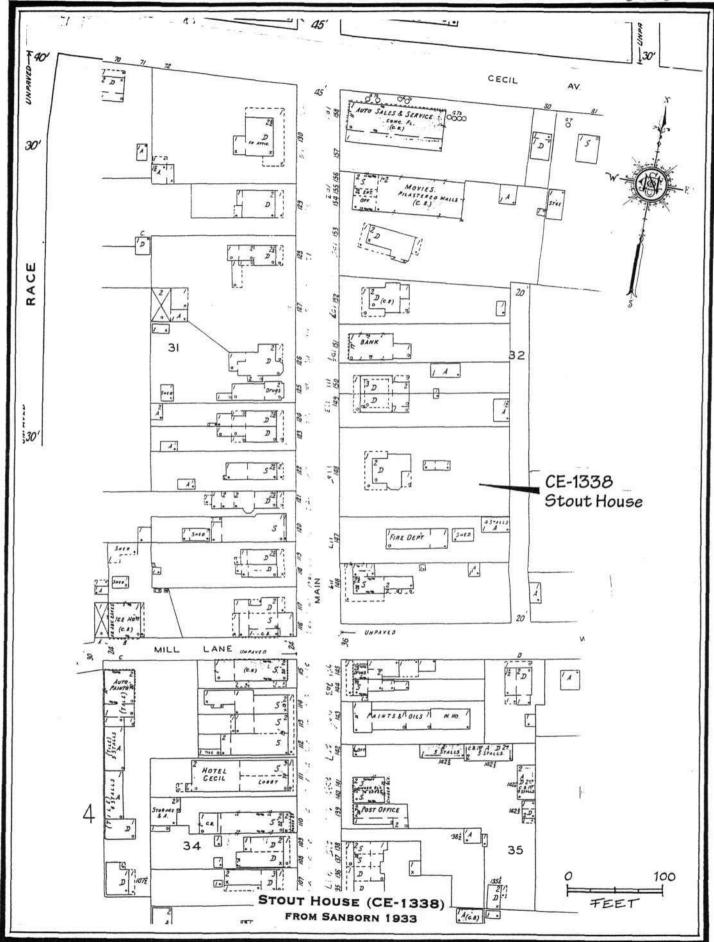
Martenet, Simon

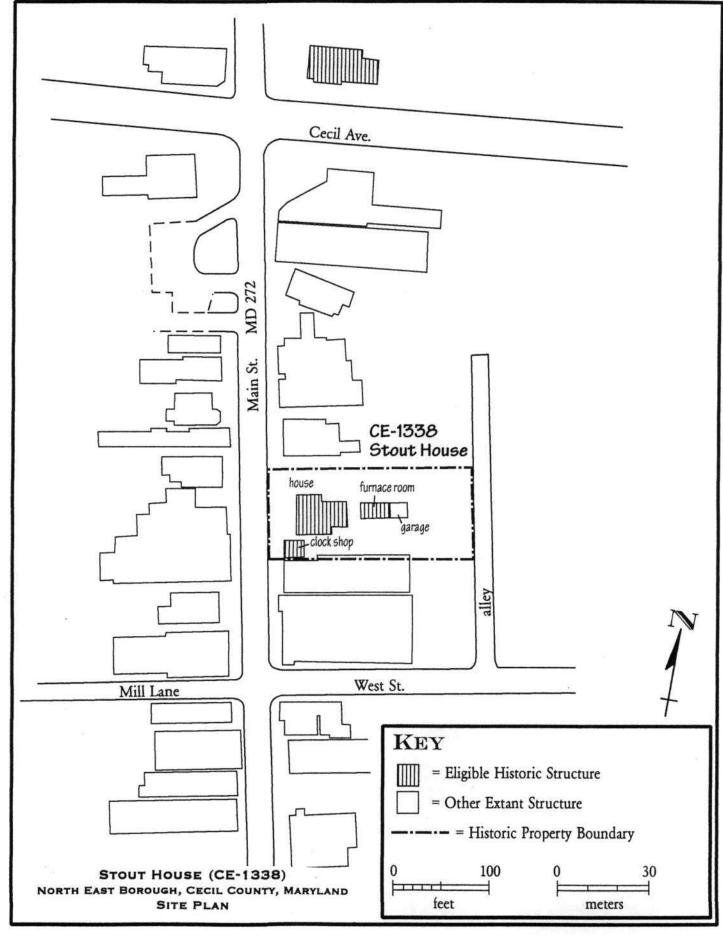
1858 Martenet's Map of Cecil County, Maryland. Simon Martenet, Baltimore.

Sanborn Map Company

1933 North East, Maryland.







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## PRESERVATION VISION 2000: THE MARYLAND PLAN STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

#### I. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

X EASTERN SHORE (ALL EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES AND CECIL)
WESTERN SHORE (ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, ST. MARY'S)
PIEDMONT (BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, FREDERICK, HARFORD,, HOWARD,
MONTGOMERY)
WESTERN MARYLAND (ALLEGANY, GARRETT, WASHINGTON)

CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:

RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION (A.D. 1680-1815)

AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION (A.D. 1815-1870)

INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE (A.D. 1870-1930)

MODERN PERIOD (A.D. 1930-PRESENT)

UNKNOWN PERIOD ( PREHISTORIC; HISTORIC)

### III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

AGRICULTURE

X ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)
GOVERNMENT/LAW
MILITARY
RELIGION
SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
TRANSPORTATION

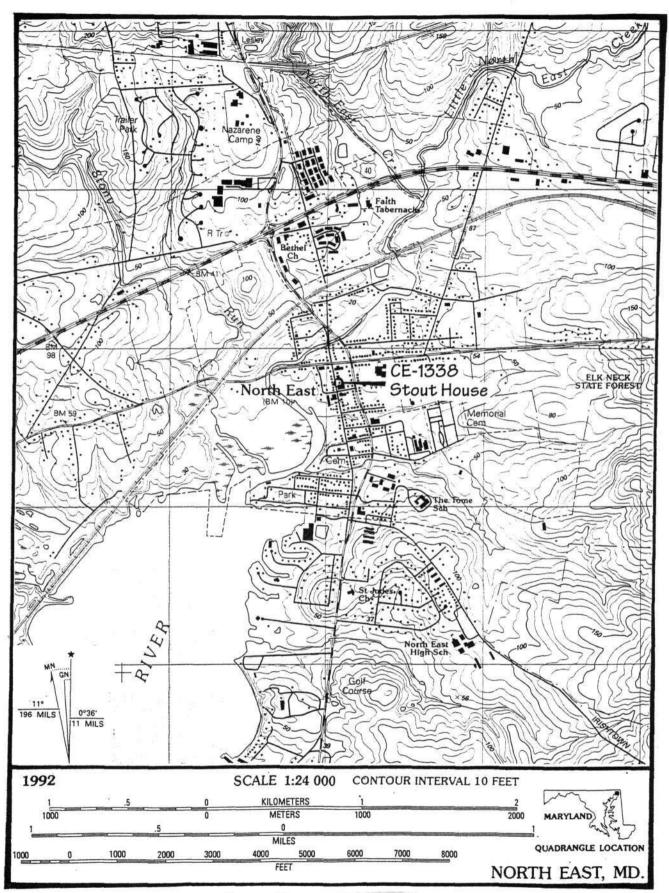
#### IV. RESOURCE TYPE:

CATEGORY: building

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: bayside village

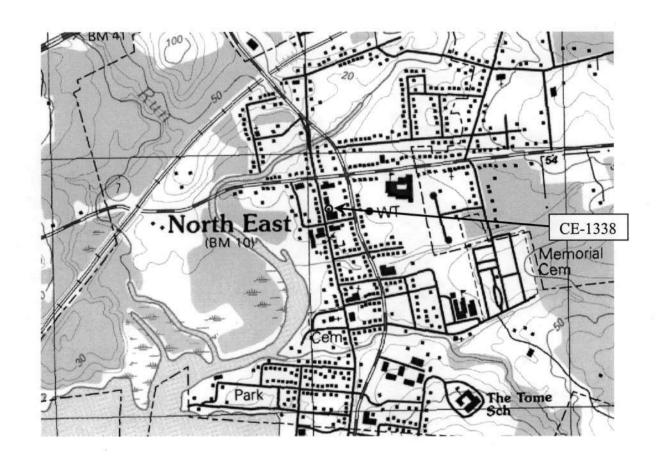
HISTORIC FUNCTION(S) AND USE(S): domestic (single-family dwelling) and commercial (shop)

KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: none



STOUT HOUSE (CE-1338)
NORTH EAST BOROUGH, CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

CE-1338 Cramer House 20 Main St. North East North East Quad. Cecil County





CE- 1338 Stort House Cacil County, Maryland Wendy 20g - Glock Norma 2000 Andreo caral & intoical Consultarts, Inc. main House + 1 and shop (west elevations) 10/4



CE-1338 Stout House Cecil Courty, Maryland wendy Zug- Gilbert November 2000 Archaeological + Historical Consultants -c Facade , noth elevations 20/4



CE-1338 Stort House Ceal Carty, Manyland Werdy Zig-Gilbert November 2000 Andreological + Historical Consultants, Inc. Rear (east elevation) 344



CE-1338 Stat House Cecil County, Maryland Werdy Zug- Gilbert November 2000 Archaeological + Historical Consultants, Inc. Furrace Room + garage (soft eleval on) 4 26 4



CE-1338 Cramer Ise., No Main St, North East